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Early week prices were lower on all sizes. As the week progressed prices continued to decrease. The market tone was weak. Retail demand was usually light to instances moderate. Food service movement was slow. Supplies were fully sufficient to ample for current needs. Breaking stock prices were unchanged to higher. While check and undergrades prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate with a light to non-existent demand. Floor stocks were balanced to fully adequate. Schedules were shortened to full-time. Trade sentiment was steady. Light type hen offerings were adequate for needs. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment was steady. Removal prices were 0-7 cents, mostly 0-5 cents per head.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were lower for large and medium and unchanged for small. Other reported prices were unchanged but trended lower for next week. Trade sentiment was weak. Retail demand was usually light to instances moderate. Food service movement was very light. Supplies were fully adequate to ample for current needs. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings continued adequate with demand light to non-existent. Floor stocks in balance to fully adequate. Schedules full-time to shortened. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	60-70	61-67
LARGE	59-69	60-63
MEDIUM	50-60	52-55

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV, western NY, and western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged, however all sizes continued to trend sharply lower. Trade sentiment remained weak and unsettled. Demand into all channels was mostly light to at times moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to available for full trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate to adequate for a light to moderate demand. Spent hens were fully sufficient for slaughter needs.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	67-82	68-71
LARGE	61-75	66-70
MEDILIM	56-64	56-50

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, northern VA, and VT

COMBINED REGIONAL

Feb 04, 2005

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	69.50	68.00	57.50
SOUTHEAST	69.50	67.50	58.00
MIDWEST	64.00	61.50	53.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	73.50	72.50	60.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	69.31	67.61	57.51

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSINPRICES PAID TO PRODUCERSFOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELDBASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN02-08-0502-01-0502-10-04Large42-5142-5174-81Medium33-3933-3960-64

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT - February 07, 2005
STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

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			NO	SO	SO		5-Area
	N	ortheast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	10.0	17.6	9.1	12.0	11.0	59.7
	Change	1.6	1.0	0.2	0.8	8.0	8%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	25.4	41.6	12.9	27.5	41.8	149.2
J	Change	5.2	0.3	-0.6	0.6	4.3	7%
Large	Curr Wk	47.4	118.3	59.1	102.2	132.8	459.8
	Change	10.7	11.0	-1.3	14.2	25.4	15%
Medium	Curr Wk	11.8	55.6	17.8	30.0	40.9	156.1
	Change	0.7	3.4	3.4	8.7	10.3	20%
Small	Curr Wk	3.4	7.2	2.4	5.0	9.0	27.0
	Change	-0.6	0.4	0.7	-0.4	5.5	26%
Misc	Curr Wk	6.3	35.3	9.3	13.2	6.1	70.2
	Change	0.3	-4.0	1.2	-1.7	0.7	-5%
Ungraded	l Curr Wk	26.6	46.1	32.1	30.8	24.6	160.2
	Change	13.8	-4.4	9.1	2.0	7.8	21%
Total	Curr Wk	130.9	321.7	142.7	220.72	266.2 10	82.2
Percent	Change	32%	2%	10%	12%	26%	14%

TOTAL			Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1082.2	14%	173
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	223.0	-5%	35
Total Shell Egg	1305.2	10%	208

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 173 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 05-FEB-05 (LBS IN THOUSANDS)

(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)							
	CA	SES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED
	BRO	KEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
CW	1,204	,	28,985	11,296	6,130	2,686	4,174
PW	1,239	,584	29,192	12,629	6,605	2,910	4,315
LY	1,150	,257	25,767	12,068	6,592	2,835	4,107
% CHG	PWK	-3	-1	-11	-7	-8	-3
% CHG	LY	5	12	-6	-7	-5	2
2005	6,176	,677	146,643	60,909	32,592	15,754	21,874
2004	5,684	,035	132,218	56,090	30,975	13,587	20,485
% CHG	YTD	9	11	9	5	16	7

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	CURRENT	PREVIOUS	LAST
	WEEK	WEEK	YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	42.00	42.55	42.19
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.53	39.07	38.62

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	Broiler Egg 19 Selected JAN 29		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States JAN 29 FEB 5			
		Thousa				
AL	29,380	30,003	*20,840	21,171		
AR	31,023	31,108	*25,119	25,702		
DE	3,899	3,916	4,776	5,402		
FL	1,338	1,332	1,638	1,500		
GA	33,528	33,908	*26,864	27,067		
KY	*7,056	7,175	*6,134	6,241		
LA	3,984	3,984	4,025	3,915		
MD	8,584	8,882	5,402	5,319		
MS	19,770	19,693	17,634	17,559		
NC	*18,069	18,278	*14,411	14,540		
OK	6,511	6,453	4,783	5,166		
PA	4,003	4,053	*2,843	2,888		
SC	4,956	5,142	3,854	4,152		
TX	*15,209	15,107	12,573	11,658		
VA	6,542	6,496	5,703	4,826		
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,462	18,037	*15,243	15,804		
19 State Total	*211,314	213,567	*171,842	172,910		
Previous Year Total	204,460	206,642	168,098	168,937		
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	103	102	102		
* Revised						

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 19-Mar-05 is estimated at 158.7 million head. This compares to 158.5 million head the previous week and to 158.6 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 154.9 million head and the composite weighted average price was 75.30 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 02/03/05-02/09/05

CURRENT LDS 70.25 **FUTURE LDS** 76.25 **TOTAL LDS** 146.50

	S	E	NE		N	IW	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST I	OADS
GNR W 1	41.50	48.00	43.92	45.78	_	46.33	21.00
GNR W 2	_	43.00	_	_	_		4.00
GNR W 3	_	_	_	_	22.50	25.00	1.00
GNR BR 1	_	64.00	_	_	_		5.00
GL W J	_	_	67.50	69.00	49.12	67.00	8.25
GL W XL	_	60.82	55.60	58.02	49.89	50.50	39.25
GL W LG	_	56.00	52.00	57.25	46.36		22.50
GL W MD	_	51.00	36.50	41.33	37.57	47.40	22.25
GL W SM	25.25	28.25	24.80	27.50	_		6.50
NRBS - 48	_	29.00	_	_	_	35.33	18.00
NRBS - 45	_	_	_	_	_	34.00	4.00
NRBS - 42	_	_	_	_	_	32.00	4.00
NRBS - 39	_	18.50	_	_	20.94	25.00	4.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO	RETAIL CHAN	NELS \	N/E 05-FEE	3-2005
SELECTED	CW	PW	PC ⁻	T CHG
CONSUMING CENTERS	THOUSAND	S	PW	LY
Atlanta	26.8	28.4	-6	3
Boston	3.3	3.4	-3	-3
Chicago	65.7	72.1	-9	6
Detroit	21.6	24.6	-12	-21
Kansas City	6.2	4.4	41	-40
Los Angeles	88.5	108.7	-19	-3
New Orleans	7.5	9.2	-18	-14
New York	30.4	29.3	4	8
St. Louis	15.8	18.4	-14	-21
San Francisco	18.6	23.8	-22	-19
Total	284.4	322.3	-12	-5
4 Week Moving Avg.	313.7			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED		W/E 05	5-FEB-05		
	YOU	NG	YOUN	IG OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BRE	EDERS	TURKEYS
		THOUS	SANDS		
Head	1,483	2,574	38	1	4,096
Avg Wt	15.61	38.53	24.71	61.68	30.11
Last week	1,502	2,533	17	3	4,055
Same wk yr ago	1,669	2,403	9	16	4,097
Avg Wt	15.39	36.82	25.76	30.39	28.04
To-date/2005	7,794	12,654	163	24	20,635
To-date/2004	8,365	12,118	181	41	20,705

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS Week ending 05-FEB-05

(Preliminary) (Released 1:00 Eastern Time)

Y	OUNG TU	JRKEYS	S	OLD	TOTAL T	URKEYS
THOL	JSAND F	PCT CH	G AVG	BANDED		AVG
	HEAD	PW	LIVE WT	-THOUSAI	ND HEAD	· LIVE WT
North East	753	2	22.96	(A)	754	22.96
South Atlantic	620	2	34.80	(A)	620	34.80
North Central	1,925	0	34.36	(A)	1,925	34.36
South Central	471	-2	21.86	(A)	471	21.86
West	326	7	24.38	(A)	326	24.38
U.S. total	4,095(B	3) 1	30.11	1	4,096	30.11
To-date						
2005	20,611 (B	3)		24	20,635	
To-date						
2004	20,664(B	3)		41	20,705	

- (A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
- (B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week
- 38,000; for the current year to date 163,000; for last year to date 181,000.

<u>LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION</u> (Preliminary)					
W/E 05-Feb-2005	YOUNG	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL	
(CHICKENS	HENS	HENS	HENS	DUCKS
		THC	DUSANDS	3	
Head	156,566	1,321	1,336	2,657	479
Avg Wt	5.35	3.32	8.09	5.72	6.53
Last week	157,768	1,307	1,024	2,331	546
Same wk yr ago	153,788	1,117	1,273	2,390	454
Avg Wt	5.22	3.07	8.25	5.83	6.41
To-date/2005	783,446	7,175	6,267	13,442	2,584
To-date/2004	768,502	6,604	6,346	12,950	2,240

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 162.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 158.5 million head, or 4.0 million less than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 12-Feb-05 Current Week Previous Week 02/12/05(1) 02/05/05 CLASS -THOUSAND HEAD -163.612 Broiler/frver 159.891(2) 1.398 Light hens 1.446 Heavy hens 1,309 1,254 Total 162,591 166.319 (1)ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 12-Feb-05 is 162.1 million head compared to 154.4 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 160.2 million head or 1.9 million less than estimated available. For the week of 19-Feb-05 the estimated available is 162.8 million head.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/ FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

		MILLION HEAD	MILLION F	IEAD	
WEEK ENDIN	IG	SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE PCT		AVG WT
January	1	139.3	152.6	91%	5.33
	8	162.2	154.9	105%	5.35
	15	161.4	158.8	102%	5.25
	22	151.2	161.5	94%	5.33
	29	159.7	162.4	98%	5.28
February	5	158.5	162.5	98%	5.35
Year to date		793.0	800.1	99%	
February	12		162.1		
	19		162.8		

FINAL BROILER/FRYER Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of

07-FEB-2005 (cents per lb)

U.S. GRADE A				COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS	
Chicago	63.00-66.00	66.38	40	66.68	77	
Los Angeles	80.00	79.11	63	74.54	147	
New York	67.00-70.00	69.68	25	71.49	51	

COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/ FRYERS Change from 07-FEB-2005 31-JAN-2005 31-JAN-2005 09-FEB-2004 71.37 -.13 75.41

NUMBER OF LOADS 586

MONTHLY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE FOR R.T.C BROILER/FRYERS

Month	Weighted Average	Loads	
January	71.40	2478.80	

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/			WTD	LBS
8-16 LB HENS	OFFERS	SALES	AVG	(000)
EASTERN REGION 3/	66	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	65-66	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	66	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION	62-64	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	62	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	62-64	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

				Processed other
	Froz	en Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Poultry/LBS
AM	02/07/05	3,616	78,960	44,354
AM	01/01/05	3,427	59,916	54,376
CHG		189	19044	-10022
PCT C	HG	6%	32%	-18%

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of December 31, 2004 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on February 1, 2005 are:

FROZEN EGGS 21 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS 5% 376 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS 5% TURKEYS POULTRY 599 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS 5%

HEN MARKETS

HEAVY TYPE Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 07-FEB-05

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG		
Southeast (1)	8.25-15.25 CENTS/LB.	11-13	11.94		
Southeast (2)	TFEWR				
South Central(1)	8-15 CENTS/LB.	10.25-12.75	11.43		
(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading					

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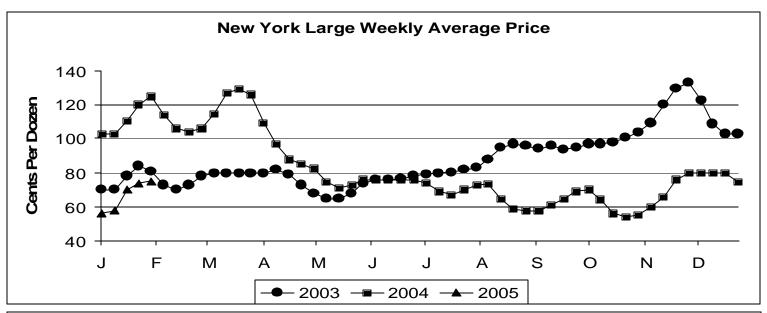
LIGHT TYPE Cents per Head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds)

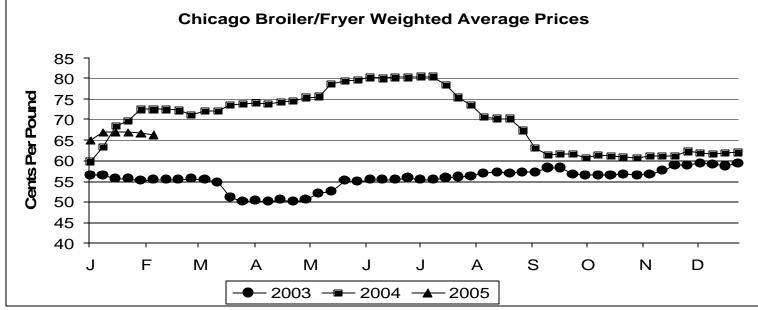
Feb 4, 2005	REMOVAL COST			
REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY		
Eastern	4-11	8-10		
South Central	Too Few To Report			
North Central	0-7	0-5		

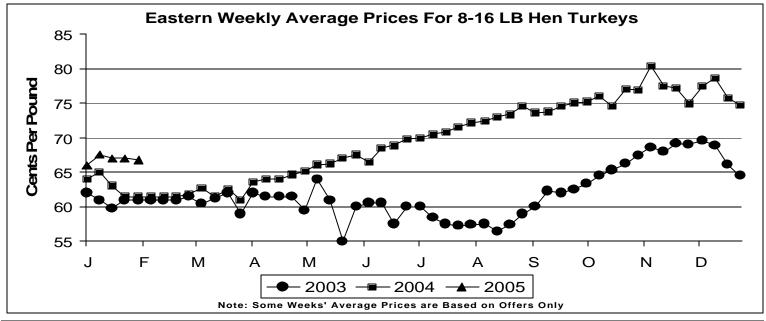
COMMERCIAL EGO	<u> MOVEMENT</u>	(Receipts From Producers)		
W/E 05-Feb-2005	CASES	PERCENT CHANGE FROM		
REGIONS	(IN THOUS)	PW LY		
North Atlantic	236.9	-3 3		
East North Centra	560.3	-9 4		
West North Centra	l 271.6	-9 -3		
South Atlantic	216	1 8		
South Central	62.7	2 -10		
West	178.5	-4 -6		
Total	1526	-6 1		
Matched Plants re	porting	Previous week 86		

Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MC,DE) East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN) West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD) South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY) South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK) West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

Last year 85







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